



**863rd STATED MEETING
OF NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY
A Hybrid meeting hosted by
First Presbyterian Church, Newark
with digital participation via Zoom**



NOVEMBER 19, 2022

9:30 AM

Registration and Sign In

You are welcome to sign onto Zoom at any time after 9:30 to become familiar with the system and chat with your friends from Presbytery. (Instructions for joining the Zoom call and for signing in to the meeting will be sent to you following your registration for the meeting. Instructions for registration will be posted on the Presbytery web site and shared prior to the meeting.)

9:55 AM

Guidelines for a Hybrid Meeting

- The Meeting Host will mute everyone on Zoom and only those recognized by the Moderator will be able to speak. Once the Moderator has recognized you, you will see a request to unmute yourself appear.
- To be recognized by the Moderator on Zoom, please raise your electronic hand, located under “Reactions.” For those in person, please rise and approach the dedicated microphone in order to be recognized by the Moderator.
- Voting will be conducted by using the green checkmark and the red x under “Reactions.” For those attending in person, voting will be conducted by raising the green and red plastic cards. Commissioners will be given the cards when they arrive.

**SPARKED BY GRACE TO TRANSFORM THE CHURCH
FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD**

DOCKET

10:00 AM

Convening the Meeting

Moderator Rourke Moore

- Opening Prayer
- Welcome First Time Commissioners and Visitors
- Welcome Corresponding Members
- Declaration of a Quorum
- Adoption of the Docket
- Welcome from hosting congregation - Eric Markman

All are welcome at meetings of New Castle Presbytery, but please remember that only Teaching Elder members, Ruling Elder Commissioners, and Ruling Elders identified in the annual Equalization of the Rolls have both “voice” and “vote” at presbytery meetings. The Moderator with the assistance of the Stated Clerk and Meeting Host will recognize people to speak.

10:15 PM **Recognition of Native Lands** **Rourke Moore**

By the action of the 223rd General Assembly (2018), Presbyteries are encouraged to begin their meetings with an acknowledgment of those who once owned the land where we are meeting. This serves as a way to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery and to confess our denomination's complicity.

The following land acknowledgement is offered as a resource by the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation for events held in Lenapehoking, where New Castle Presbytery is located:

The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Lenni-Lenape, called "Lenapehoking." The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some also remain among the continuing historical tribal communities of the region: The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation; the Ramapough Lenape Nation; and the Powhatan Renape Nation, The Nanticoke of Millsboro Delaware, and the Lenape of Cheswold Delaware. We acknowledge the Lenni-Lenape as the original people of this land and their continuing relationship with their territory. In our acknowledgment of the continued presence of Lenape people in their homeland, we affirm the aspiration of the great Lenape Chief Tamanend, that there be harmony between the indigenous people of this land and the descendants of the immigrants to this land, "as long as the rivers and creeks flow, and the sun, moon, and stars shine."

10:20 AM **Greetings from the Nanticoke** **Chief Natosha Carmine**

10:35 AM **Keynote** **Eugene Young**
Delaware State Housing Authority Executive Director

11:00 AM **Break**

11:10 AM **Keynote** **Rev. Kevin L. Smith**
Habitat for Humanity CEO, New Castle County

11:35 AM **Agency Overviews (5 minutes each)**
Maria Bynum, HUD Federal Resources
Karen Speakman, Neighbor Good Partners
Rachel Stucker, Housing Alliance Delaware

11:45 AM **Deepening our Connections** **Raggatha Calentine**
Storyteller, Nanticoke People

12:00 PM **Orientation to Lunch Conversations**

12:10 **Meal Break**

1:10 PM **Reconvene** **Rourke Moore**
Closing Remarks and Expressions of Gratitude

1:30 PM

Worship

Rourke Moore Preaching

Moment to celebrate the life of Jerry Hunter
Commissioning of Guatemala Trip Participants
Communion will be celebrated
Worship offering: Habitat for Humanity

2:15 PM

Connectional Presbyter/Stated Clerk Report

Cindy Kohlmann

2:30 PM

Consent Agenda

Cindy Kohlmann

NOTE: Items for the Consent Agenda are collected and MOVED by the Stated Clerk to expedite routine business that usually does not require discussion and debate. All of these items will be included in one omnibus motion for a single vote unless there is a request to lift one or more out for separate action during the meeting. If you have questions or would like information about any item on the Consent Agenda, **please** contact the Stated Clerk prior to the meeting, or at the meeting request that item be lifted out for separate consideration.

The Stated Clerk **MOVES** The Consent Agenda.

1. **APPROVE** the minutes of the 862nd Meeting of New Castle Presbytery, September 20, 2022.
2. **RECEIVE** the report of the Administrative Commission to install Laura Viau at First & Central Presbyterian Church with thanks.
3. **APPROVE** the following amendment to The Manual, as submitted by the Round Table:
2.000 - Committees and Commissions, 2.001 - Organization

If a person is elected to fill an unexpired term of less than six months, that time shall not be considered when calculating the consecutive number of years served on that committee/commission.
4. **APPROVE** the proposed Equalization of Rolls submitted by the Stated Clerk.
5. **APPROVE** the revised Fees for Services for Limited Pastoral Services/Supply Pastors, as submitted by COMC.
6. **APPROVE** the request from First Presbyterian Church of Milford for a waiver on the limitation of six consecutive years of service so that an elder may serve a seventh year, as submitted by COMC.
7. **ELECT** the following people to serve on the Committee on Representation and Nominations, as nominated by the Round Table:
Class of 2023 - Sylvia Ritchie, RE, Westminster Rehoboth Beach, 1st term
Class of 2025 - Tim Rodden, TE, HR, 2nd term
Class of 2025 - Amy Lawrence, TE, Manokin, 2nd term

SPARKING MISSION PARTNERSHIPS AND NEW CHURCH INITIATIVES

2:35 PM Missional Presbyter Report *Tracy Keenan*

2:45 PM Gleaning Network *Jean Siers*
<https://endhunger.org/gleaning-network/>

2:50 PM Ignite Report *Tim Bostick*
MOVE that the grant request from Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church for \$24,748 for the "Refugee First Car Program" be approved.

MOVE that the grant request from Community Presbyterian Church for \$20,252 for the "Community Cafe Reboot" be approved.

TRANSFORMING THE CHURCH THROUGH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND VITAL CONGREGATIONS

3:10 PM Ministers and Congregations *Maggie Gillespie*
MOVE that New Castle Presbytery enroll the Rev. Lance Ness, a United Methodist Minister in good standing, as a Temporary Member of New Castle Presbytery during his service as Pastor of Pitts Creek Presbyterian Church.

MOVE to grant authority to Rev. Ness to moderate the session and administer the sacraments during his service as Pastor of the Pitts Creek Presbyterian Church upon his enrollment as a Temporary Member.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD

3:30 PM Trustees/Financial Resources *Shannon Hanson*
MOVE that the 2023 budget be approved as submitted.

Adjourn to Meeting of the Corporation

MOVE that the assembly meeting of New Castle Presbytery stand in recess in order that the annual meeting of the corporation may commence.

Annual Meeting of the Corporation

ELECT the Trustees of the Corporation, including affirming the election of those appointed since the last annual meeting of the Corporation.

Class of 2024 (Previously elected)

Gary Willingham-McLain (2nd term), TE, Elkton - Elected January 22, 2022

Dianne Deming (1st term), TE, HR - Elected March 5, 2022

David Wall

Class of 2025 (To be elected)

Charlotte Barnes (2nd term), RE, Community

Scott Matthews (2nd term), RE, New Castle

Adjourn to Presbytery Assembly

MOVE that the meeting of the Corporation be adjourned and that the Assembly meeting resume.

3:45 PM

Representation and Nominations

David Wall

Committee on Leadership (COL)

Class of 2025

Sudie Niesen Thompson (1st term), TE, Westminster-Wilmington

Anne Ledbetter (1st term) TE, Heron Point Ret. Community

Commission of Ministers & Congregations (COMC)

Class of 2025

Steve Clark (2nd term), TE, Concord

Mawuna Gardesey (2nd term), CRE, Olivet

Maggie Gillespie (2nd term), TE, Wicomico

Lanny Parks (1st term), RE, Chestertown

Lynn Linscott (1st term), RE, Dover

Al Behringer (1st term), RE, Red Clay Creek

Commission on Preparation For Missional Ministry (CPMM)

Class of 2025

Laura Viau (1st term), TE, First & Central

Kim Long (2nd term), TE, Honorably Retired

Brooke Scott (1st term), TE, Church on Main

Class of 2023

Joel Tolbert (Completion of 1st term), TE, Chestertown

Class of 2024

Tim Arnold CRE, (1st term), Hanover

Ignite

Class of 2024

Vivian Gyening (2nd term), RE, Olivet

Laurie Loveless (2nd term), TE, Honorably Retired

Paula Massey (2nd term), RE, Community

Mark Piedmont (1st term), TE, Buckingham

Eric Markman (1st term), TE, First Newark

Class of 2023

Fred Hanna (1st term) TE, Community

Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)

Class of 2028

Barbara Hedges-Goettl, TE, Makemie
Marjorie Egger, TE, Member-at Large

Sexual Misconduct Response Team

Class of 2025

Scott Matthews (2nd term), RE, New Castle
Emily Schwenker (2nd term), TE, Member-at-Large

3:50 PM

**Installation of Moderator Matt Waters
Vice Moderator Marlene Quinn**

4:00 PM

Adjourn

Moderator Matt Waters